

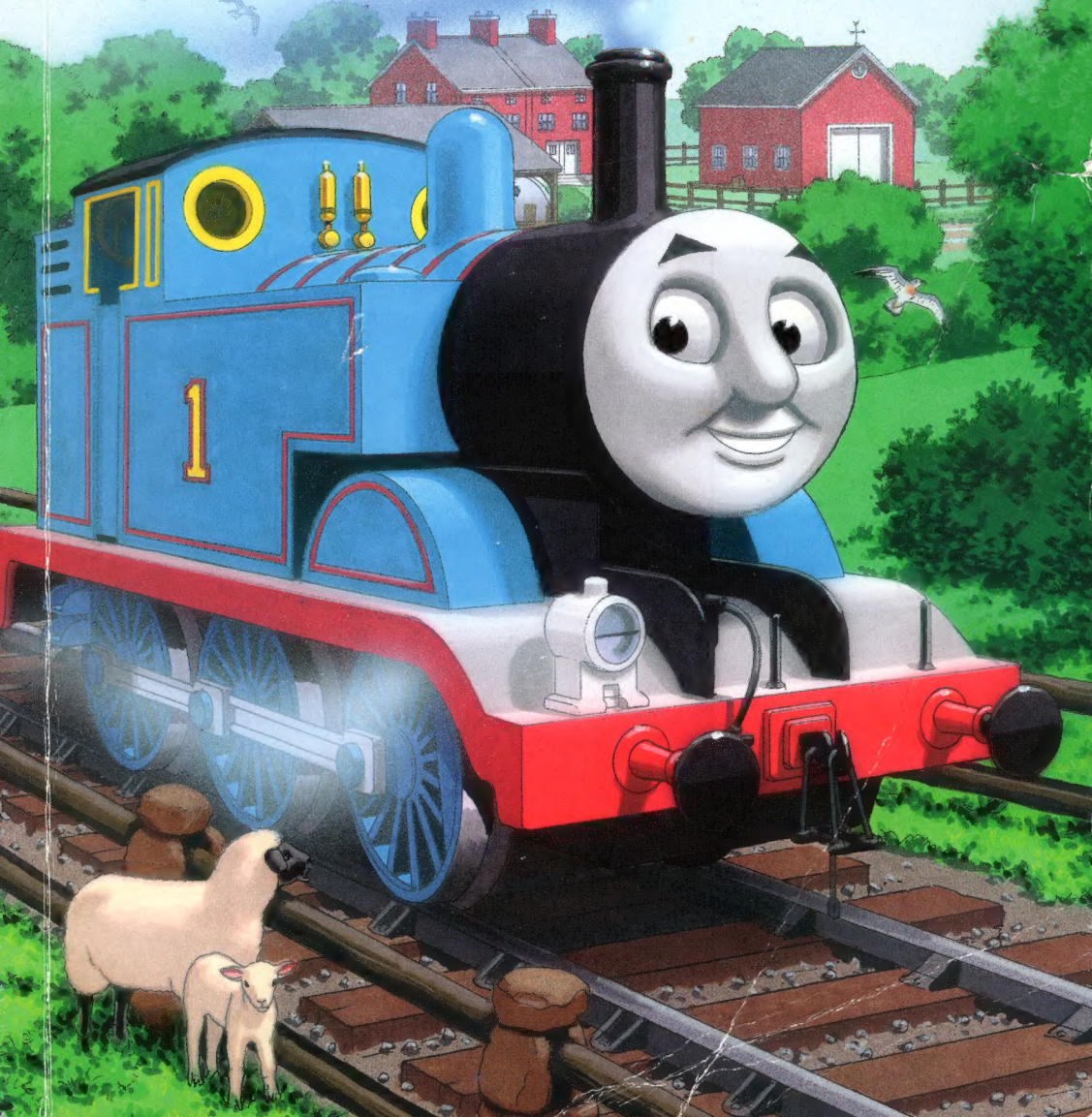
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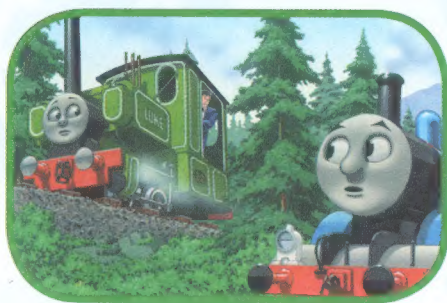
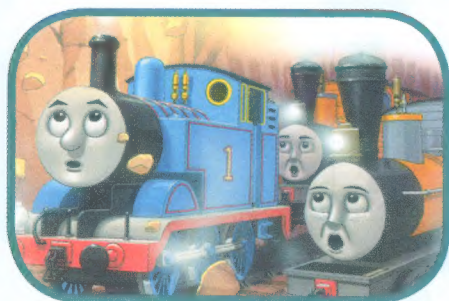
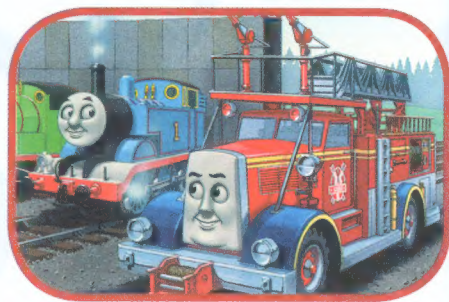
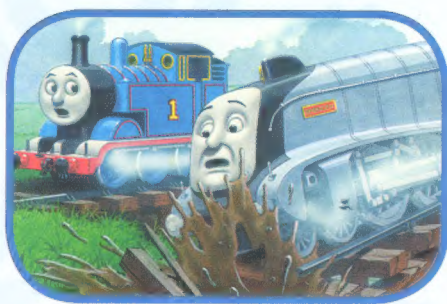


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AS SEEN ON DVD!  
HERO OF THE RAILS

# Stuck in the Mud



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Click-clack!  
Click-clack!



Thomas puffs  
down the track.





Thomas finds  
an old engine.





Hiro is broken.





Will he be sent  
to the scrap yard?





No!



Thomas will fix him.



Uh-oh!





Here comes Spencer!





“I’m going to tell!”  
says Spencer.





Oh, no!

Hiro needs help!





Thomas puffs off  
to get help.





Click-clack!

Click-clack!



Thomas and Spencer  
race down the track.



Splat!





Spencer falls  
into the mud!





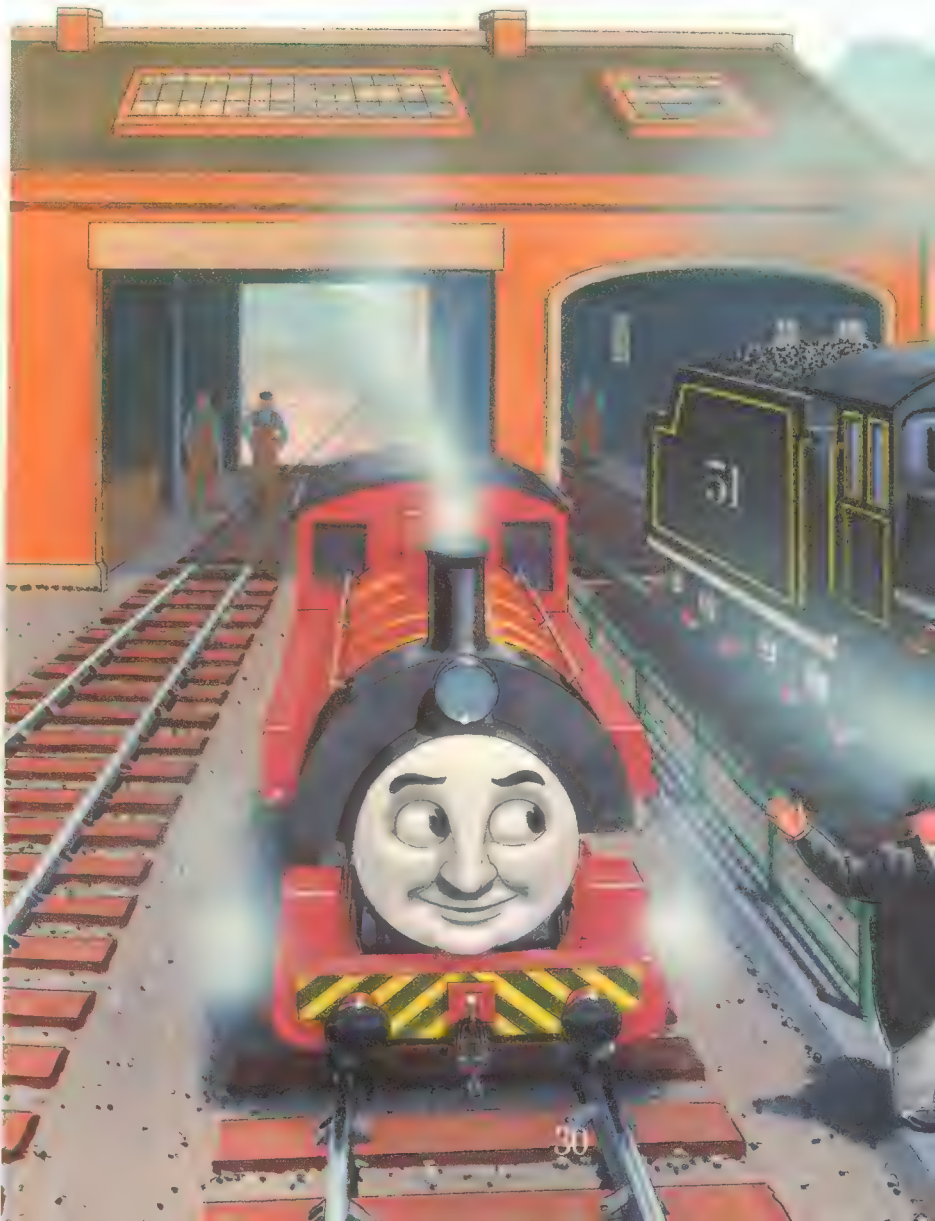
Now Thomas must help  
two engines.





He tells Sir Topham Hatt.

Clang! Clang!  
Bang! Bang!  
Hiro is fixed.







But who will  
help Spencer?



Thomas is too small.





Hiro will.

He huffs and puffs.



He pulls Spencer  
out of the mud.



“Thank you,”  
says Spencer.





Hooray for Hiro!



Click-clack!

Click-clack!

All the friends steam  
down the track.



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READY TO READ

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DAY  
OF THE  
DIESELS

# Flynn Saves the Day



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Percy rolls  
down the track.









Uh-oh!

Percy smells smoke!



Oh, no!

Percy sees a fire!







Thomas is in trouble!  
Who will save him?





Clickety-clack!  
Clickety-clack!





Percy finds Flynn.

Flynn is a fire engine.

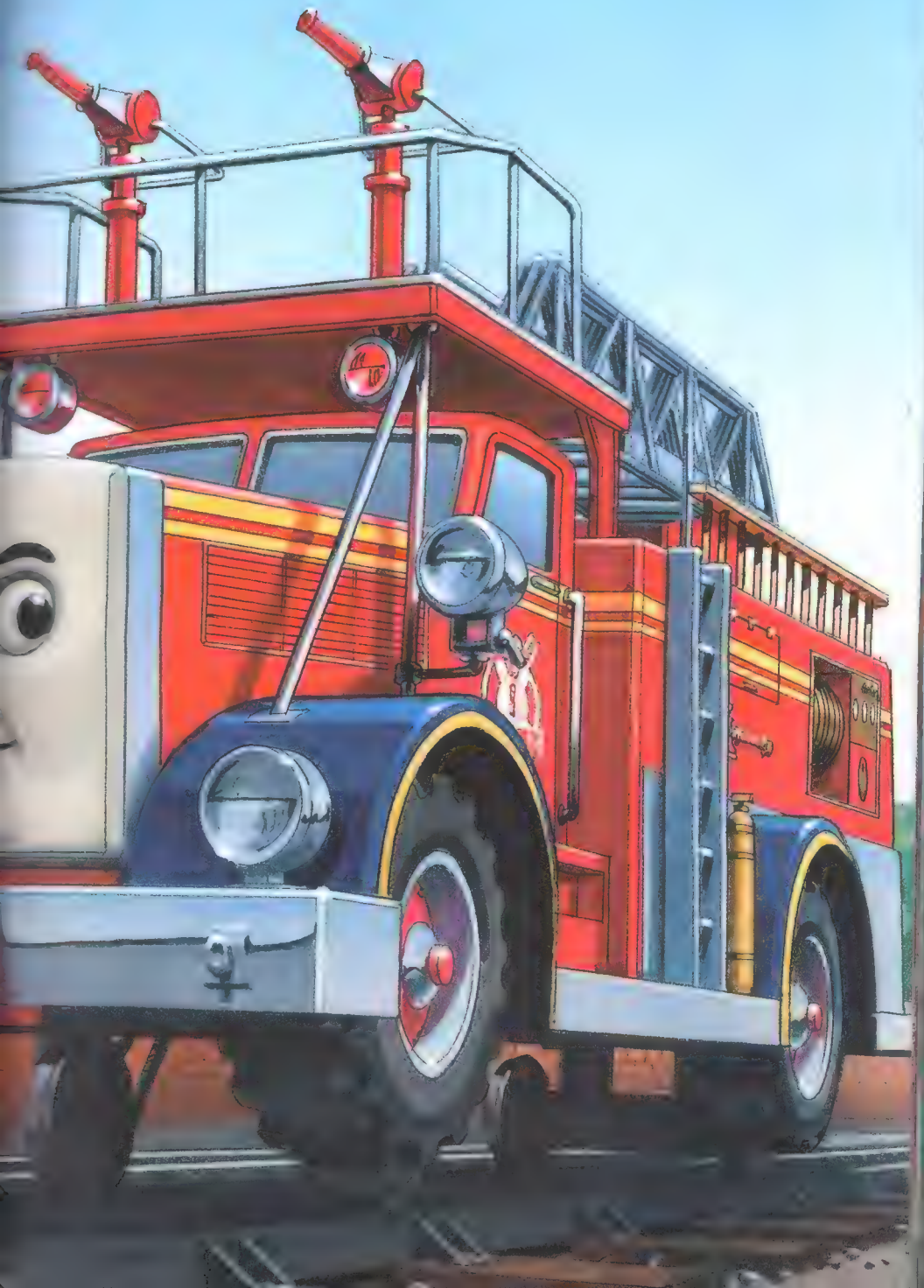


Flynn is fast.

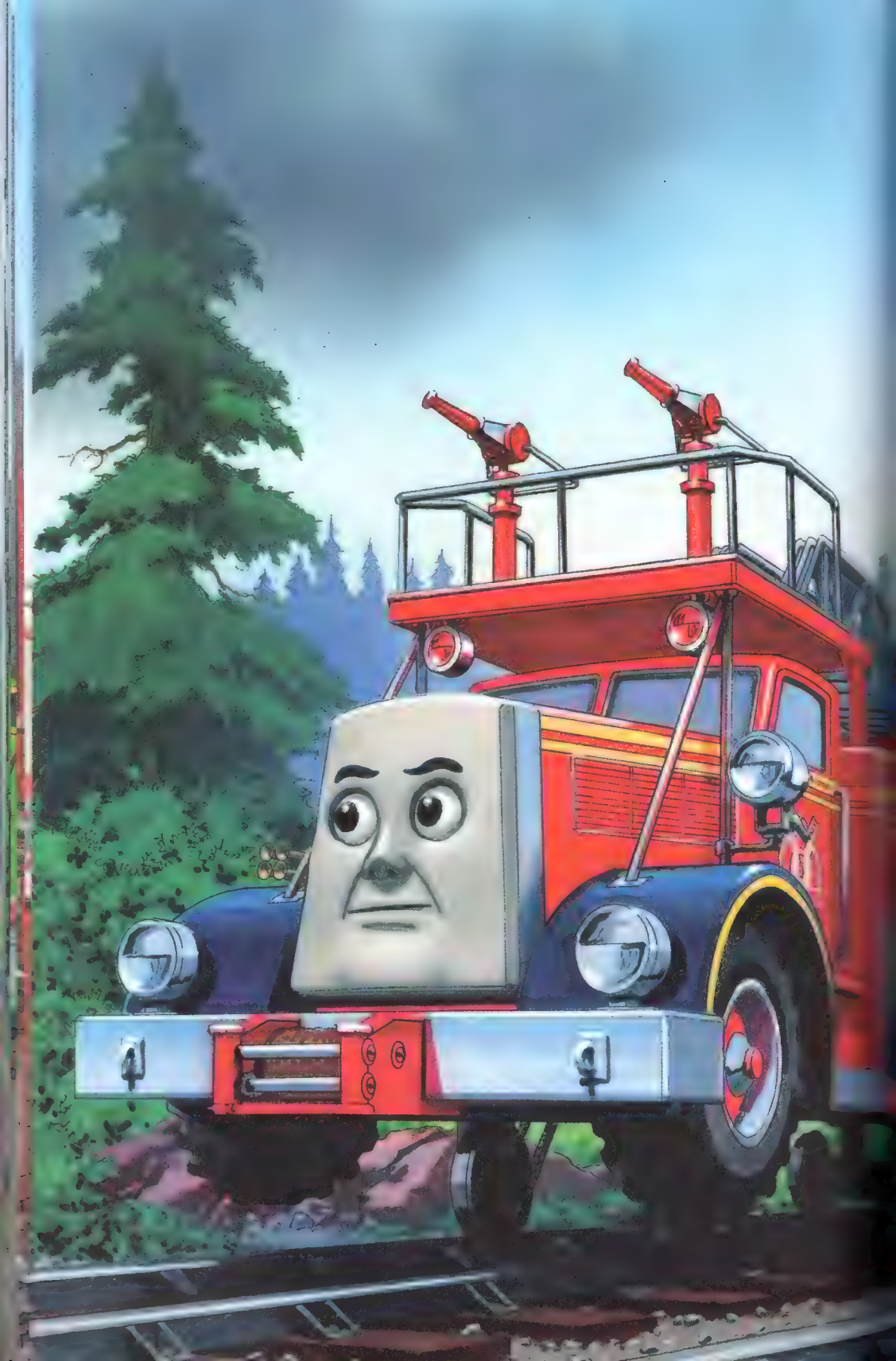
Flynn is fearless.

Flynn will save Thomas.

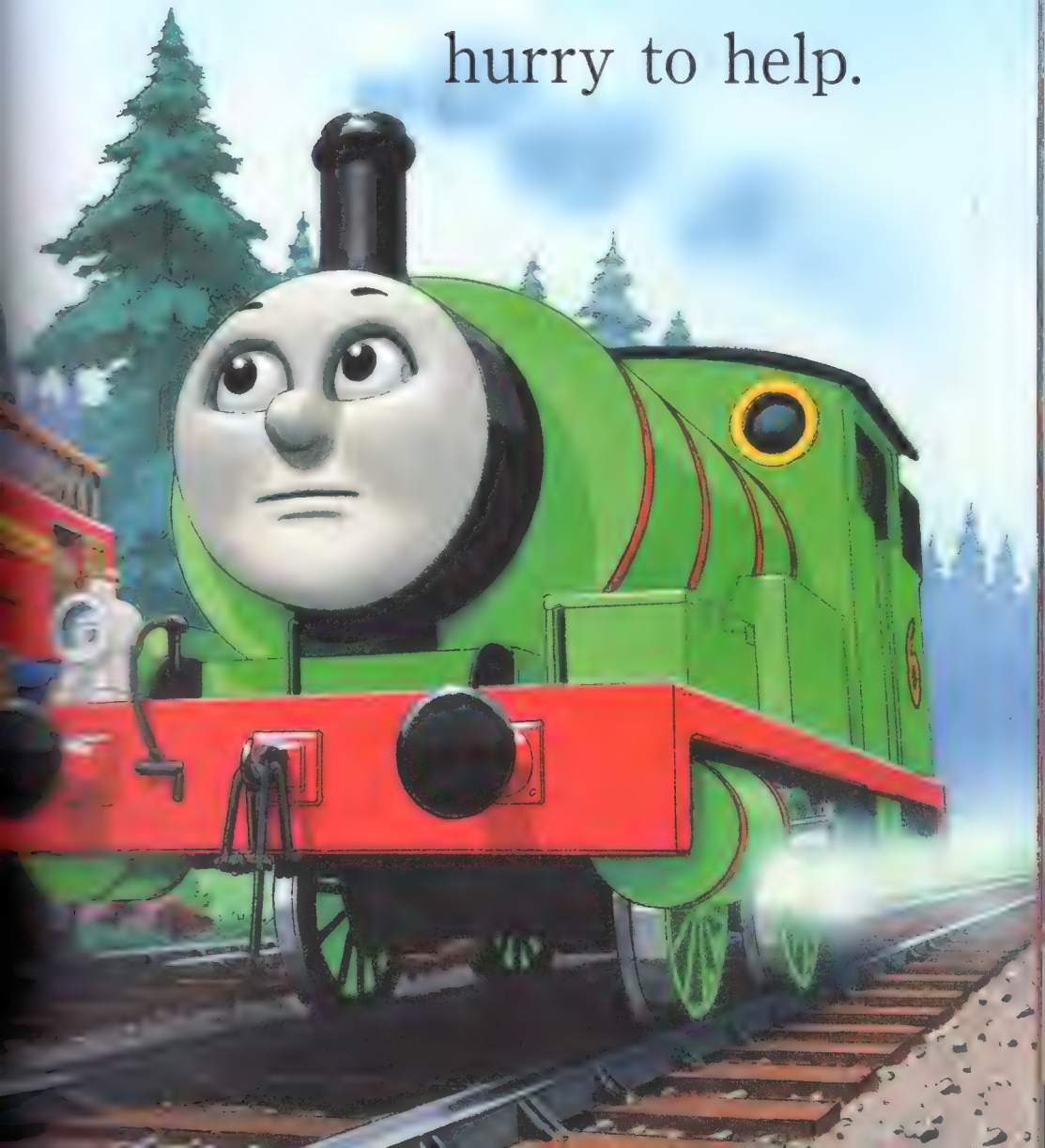








Chuff! Chuff!  
Clang! Clang!  
The engines  
hurry to help.

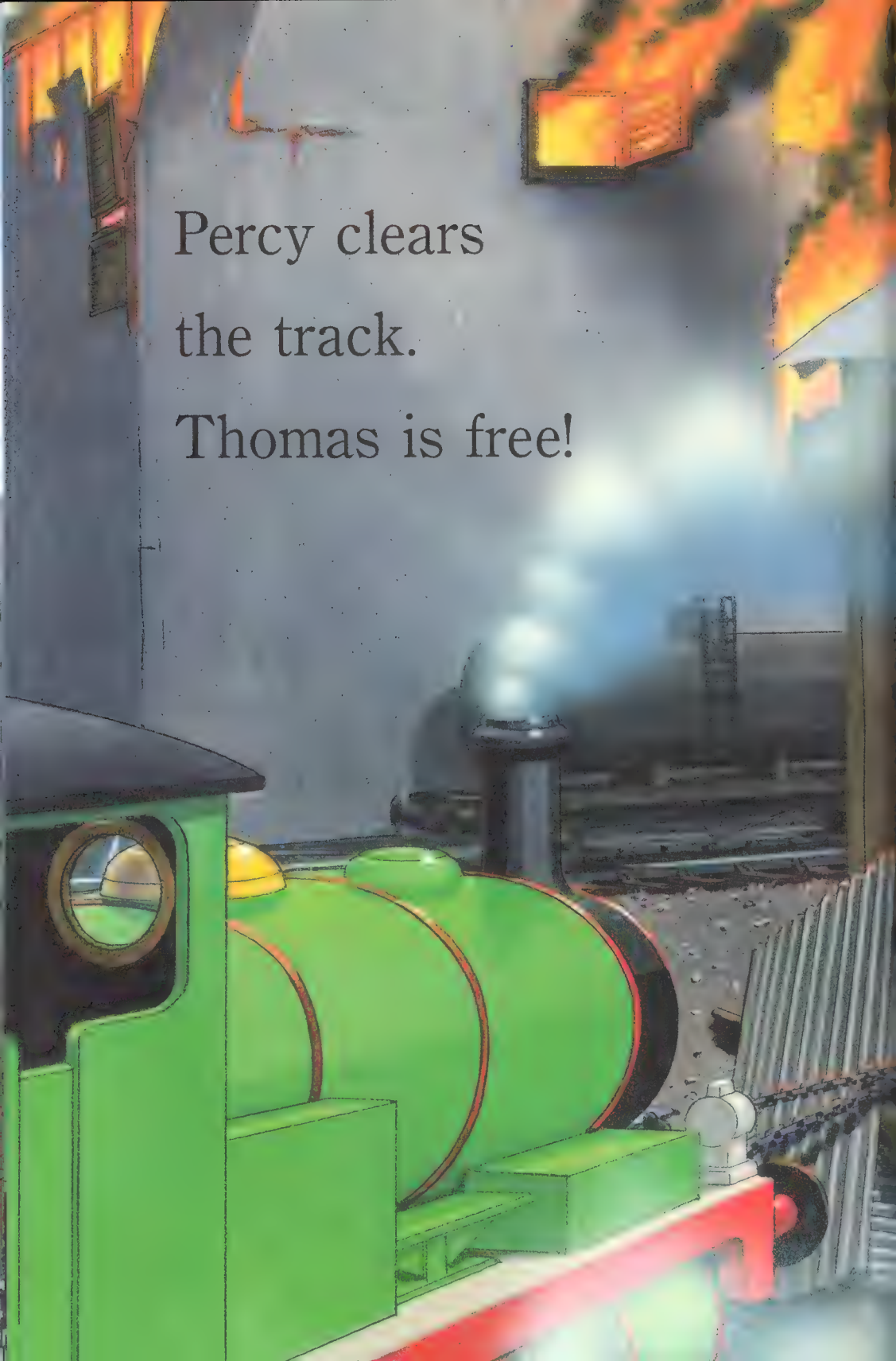


Smoke swirls.  
Flames flash.  
The engines  
work together.







A green steam locomotive is shown from a side-front perspective, moving along a track. The locomotive has a large green boiler with red stripes, a black smokestack, and a yellow dome. In the background, a grey signal light is visible, and a large plume of white smoke or steam rises from the tracks. The scene is set in a railway yard with various structures and tracks visible.

Percy clears  
the track.

Thomas is free!

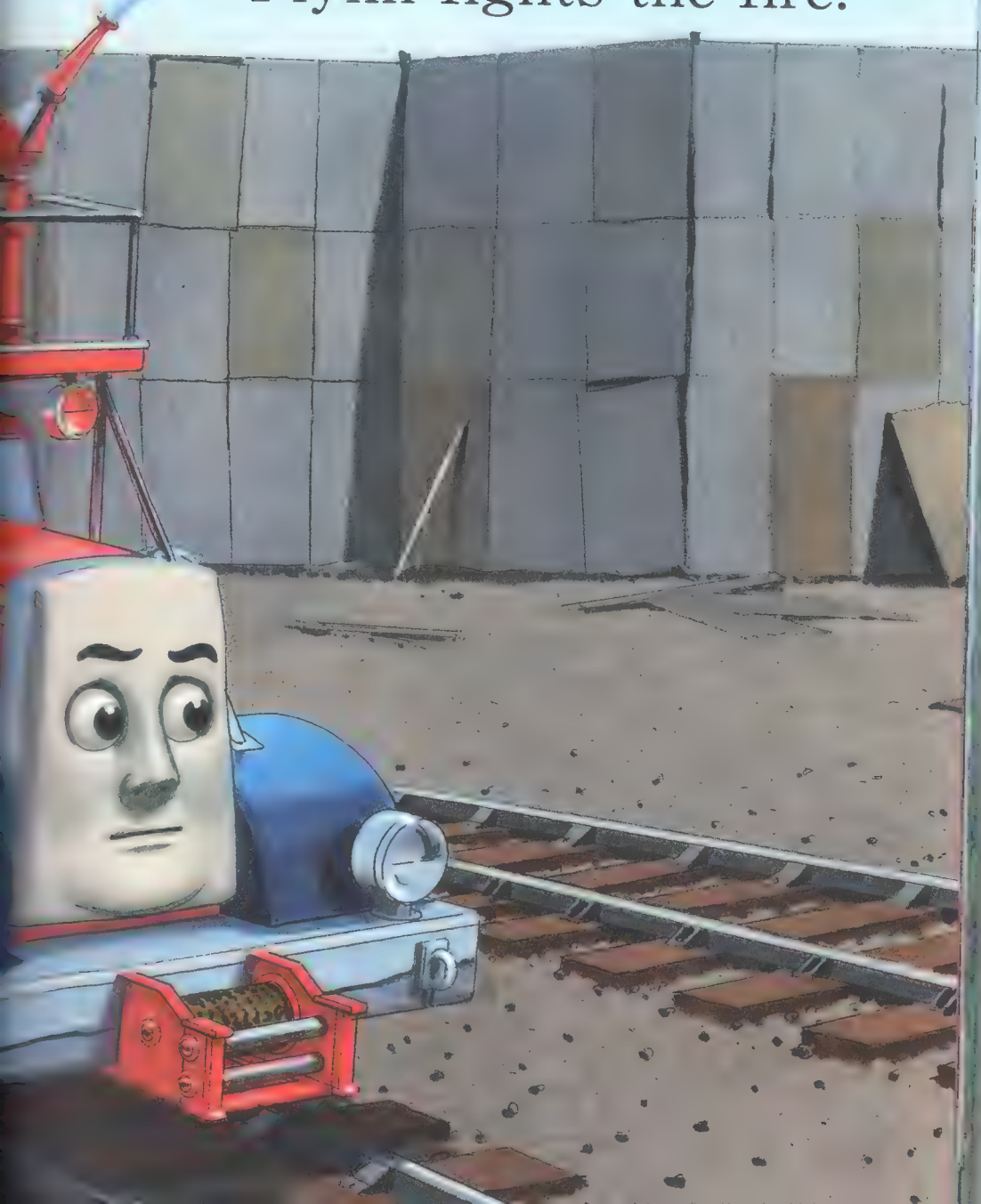




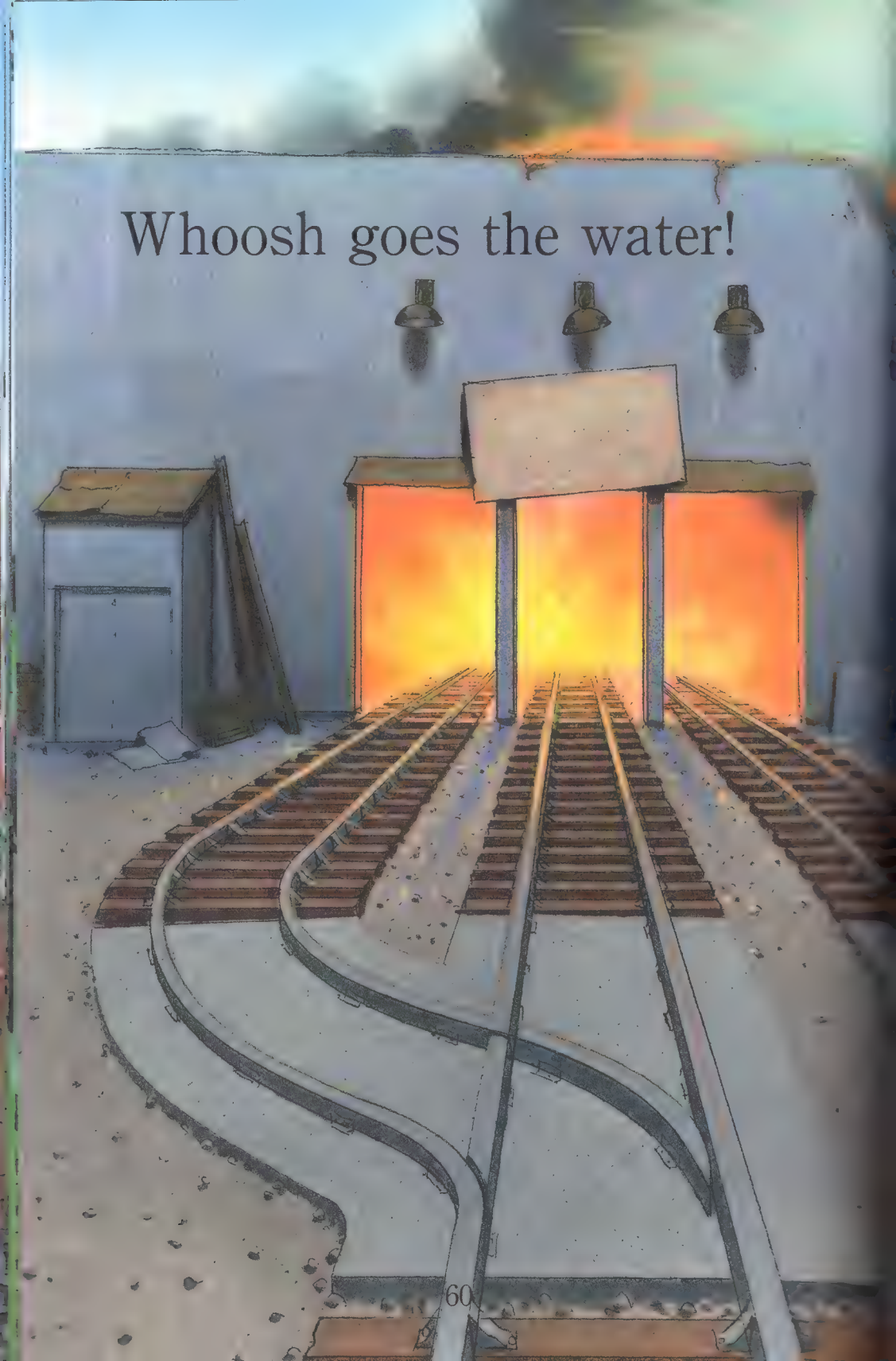




Flynn fights the fire.



Whoosh goes the water!







The flames flicker.

They fizz.

They fade.



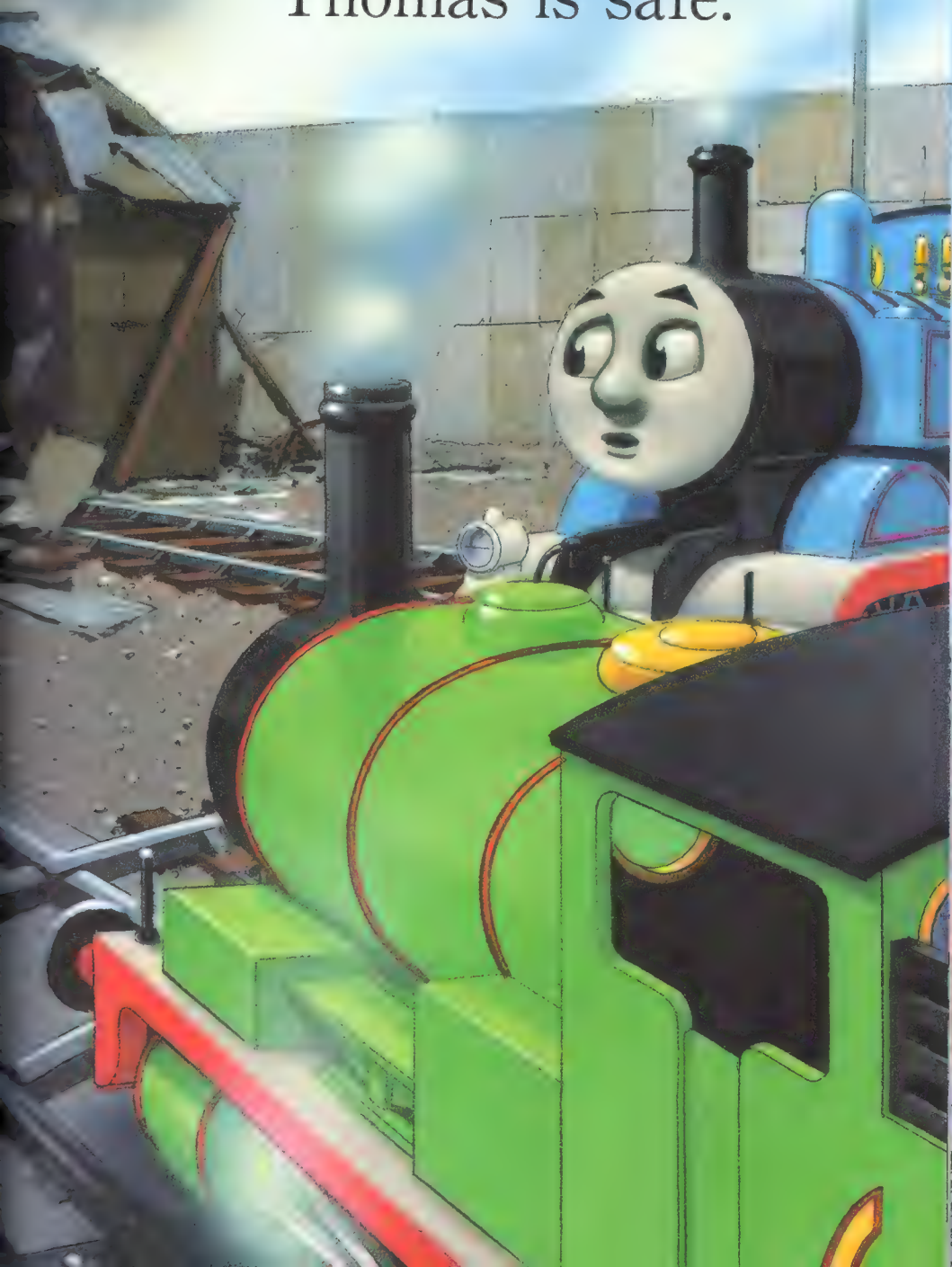








The fire is out.  
Thomas is safe.





“Good job, Flynn!”

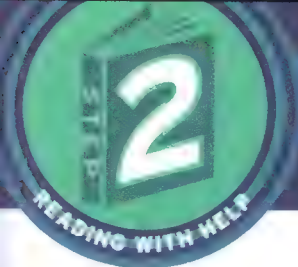






“Thank you, Percy!”





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# TROUBLE IN THE TUNNEL



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*Peep! Peep!*

Thomas was going  
to the Mainland.

Cranky lifted him  
onto a raft.

“Goodbye!” called Thomas.



The boat sailed to sea.





Thomas bobbed  
behind on the raft.



Soon night came.

Thomas could not see.

But he could hear.

*Crack! Crash!*

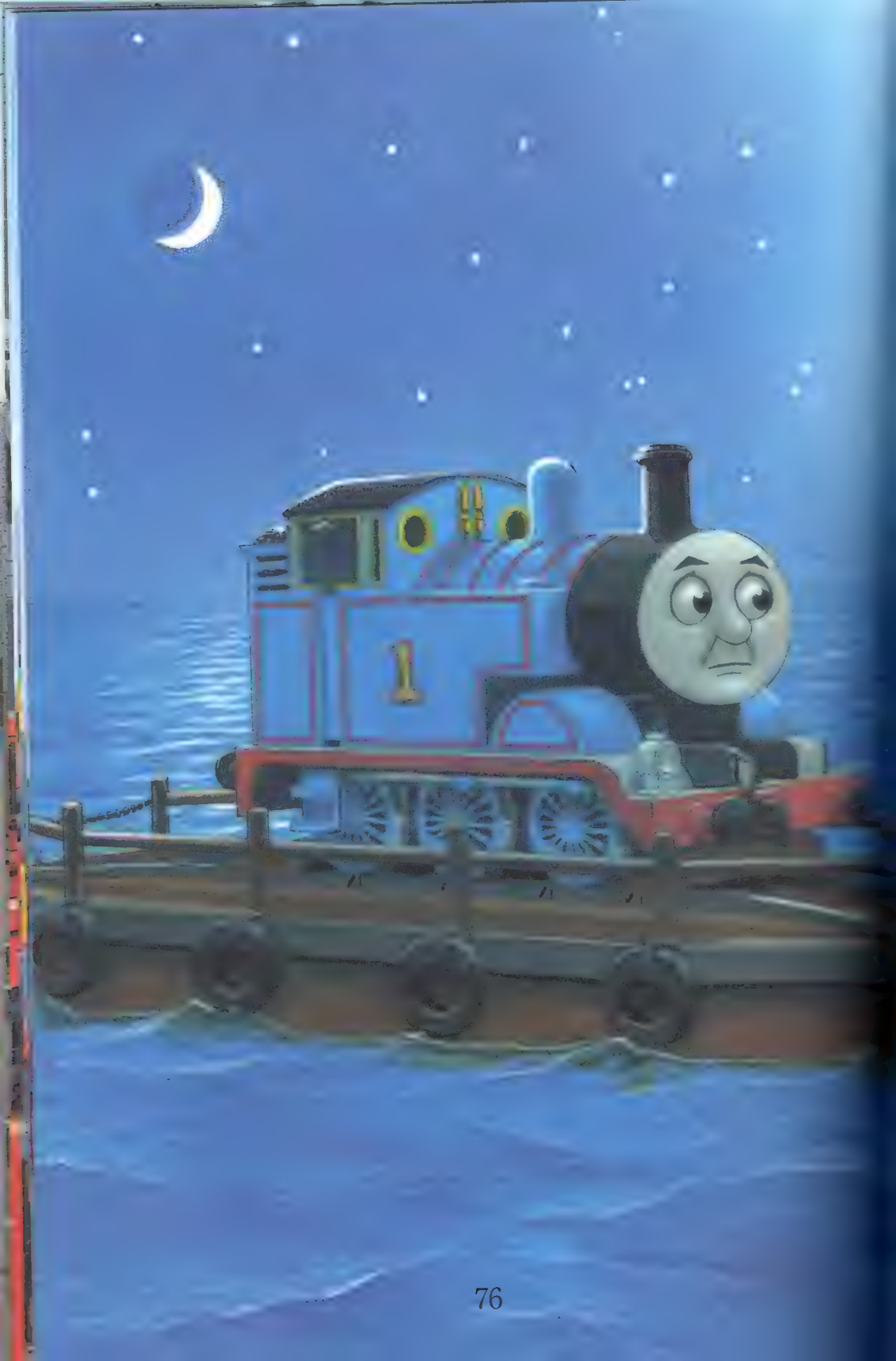
The chain snapped.



“Help!” cried Thomas.







The boat  
chugged away.  
Thomas was all alone.  
Thomas was scared!



The next morning,  
the raft floated  
to a far-off island.





How would Thomas find  
his way back to Sodor?



*Clickety-clack.*

Thomas rattled  
around a bend.



Then—*screech!*

He stopped.

Three strange engines  
were in front of him!





"I'm Bash," said one.



"I'm Dash,"  
said another.



“I’m Ferdinand,”  
peeped the last.



The new engines said  
they could help Thomas.  
But they were silly.  
They made jokes.  
They teased Thomas.





He huffed away.



He puffed up hills.

He chuffed past rocks.

He raced along the track.



Thomas was lost.

Now he *needed* help!





Thomas found Bash,  
Dash, and Ferdinand.  
“I need help,”  
said Thomas.  
“Will you tell me  
how to get home?”



The engines took Thomas  
to an old tunnel.

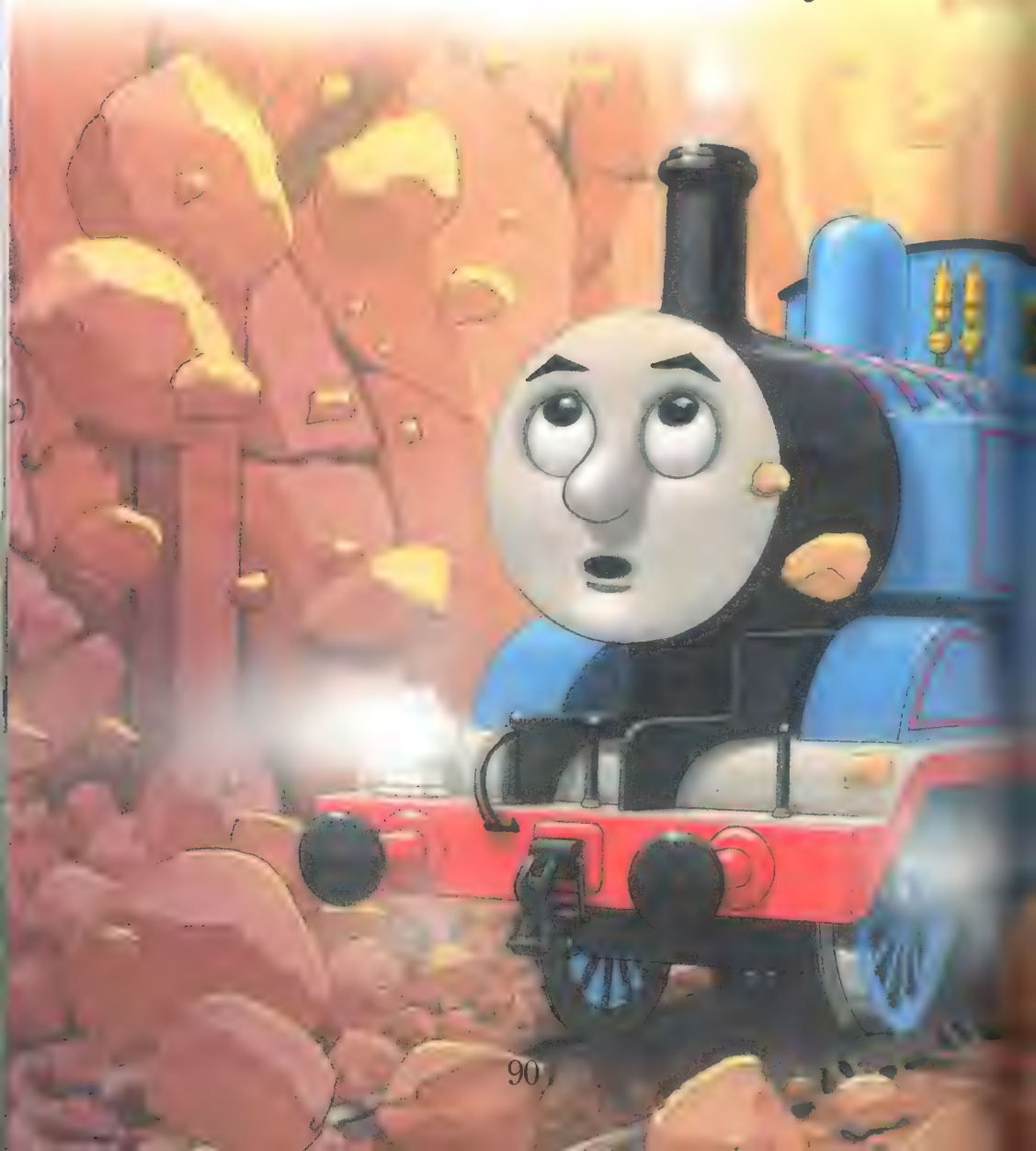
“This leads to Sodor,”  
they said.



They puffed inside.

The tunnel was dark.

The tracks were twisty.





*Smash! Crash!*

Rocks tumbled down.

Thomas and the engines  
were stuck!





The engines had a plan.

They told Thomas to  
puff as hard as he could.

*Puff-puff-puff!*

Thomas' puffs rose  
high into the sky.





Back on Sodor,  
Percy wondered  
where Thomas was.



Then he saw three puffs!  
“Thomas!” cried Percy.  
He whooshed away  
to get help.



*Clickety-clack.*

*Clickety-clack.*

Thomas heard something  
in the tunnel.





“We’ll save you!”

peeped Percy.

The engines from Sodor  
bashed through the rocks.



Thomas was rescued.

Hooray!



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READING WITH HELP

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BLUE  
MOUNTAIN  
MYSTERY

# Secret of the Green Engine



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Thomas is going  
to Blue Mountain Quarry.



Thomas is happy  
to help  
at the quarry.







Thomas sees  
a green engine.  
He does not know  
the engine.

Thomas follows  
the green engine.



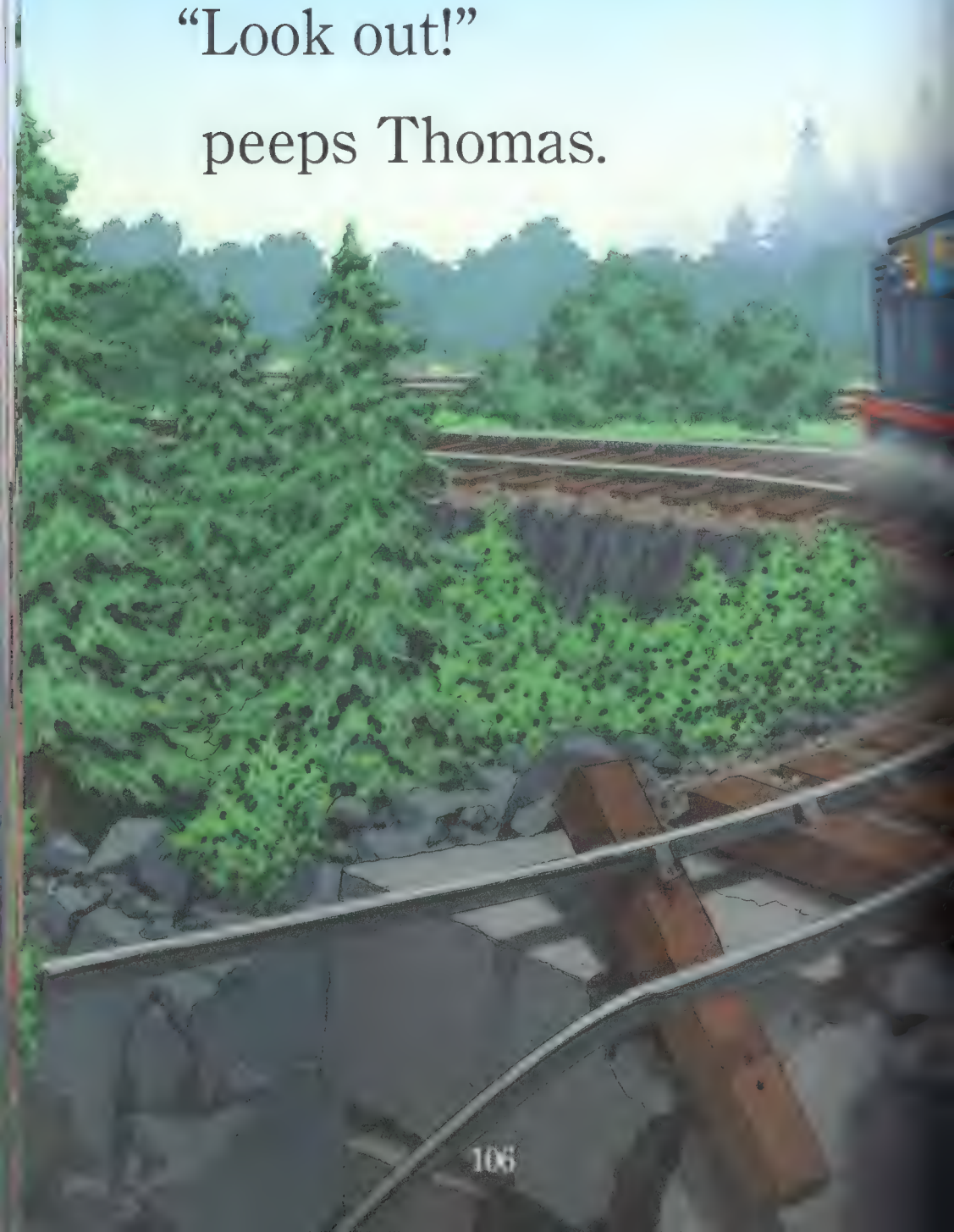
It speeds up.

Thomas speeds up, too.



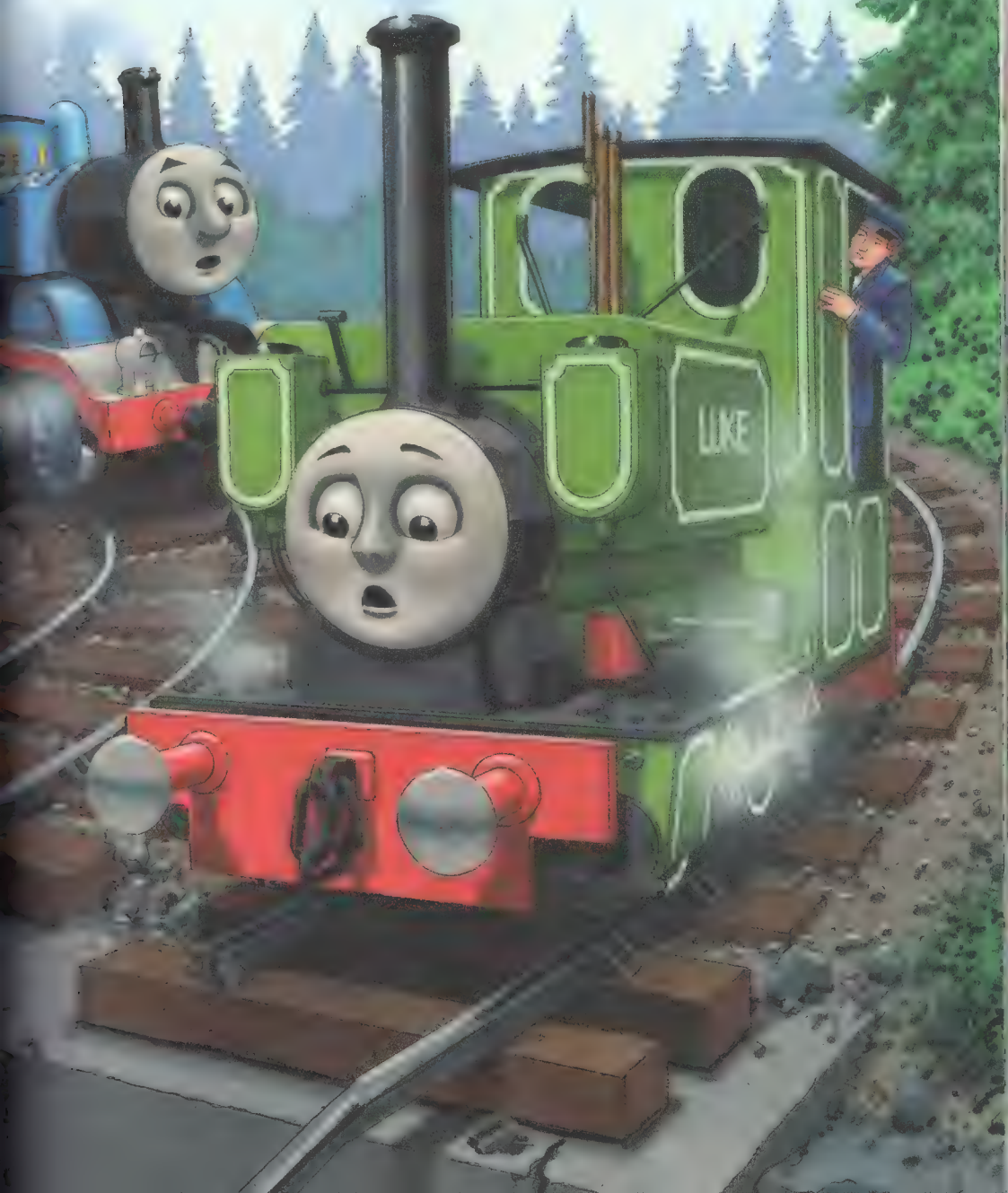


The bridge is broken.  
“Look out!”  
peeps Thomas.



*Screech!*

The green engine stops.



“Who are you?”  
asks Thomas.  
The green engine  
is scared.





“My name is Luke,”  
he says.

“I have to hide,  
or I will be sent away.”



Luke tells Thomas  
that a long time ago,  
he did a bad thing.



He bumped  
a yellow engine,  
and it fell into the water.  
It was a mistake.





“If the yellow engine  
is found,” Luke says,  
“I will not have to  
hide anymore.”



“I will find  
the yellow engine,”  
peeps Thomas.

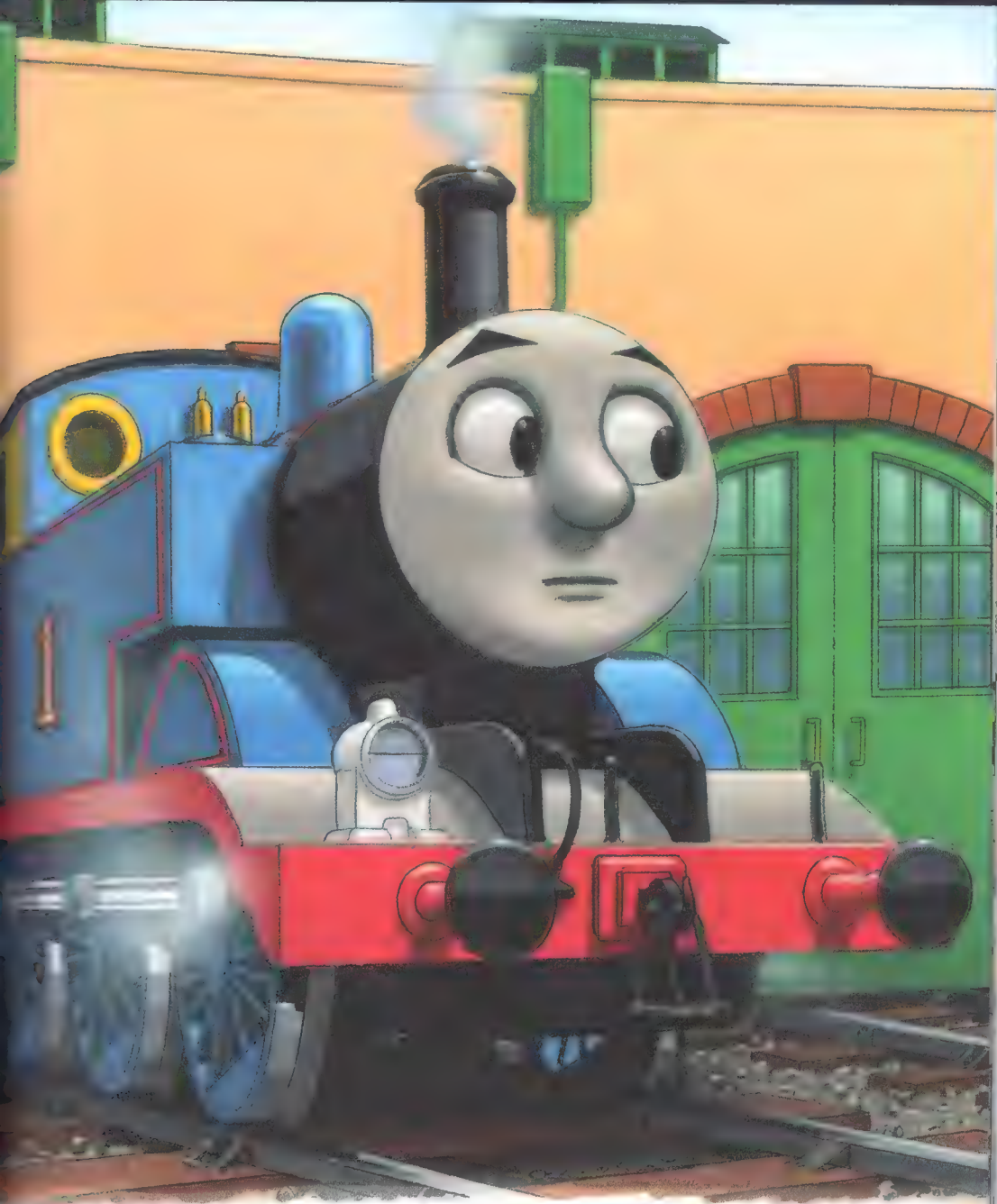


*Chug! Chug! Chug!*

Thomas races  
along the track.







Thomas searches  
Tidmouth Sheds.

Percy does not know  
the yellow engine.





Thomas chugs  
to the docks.

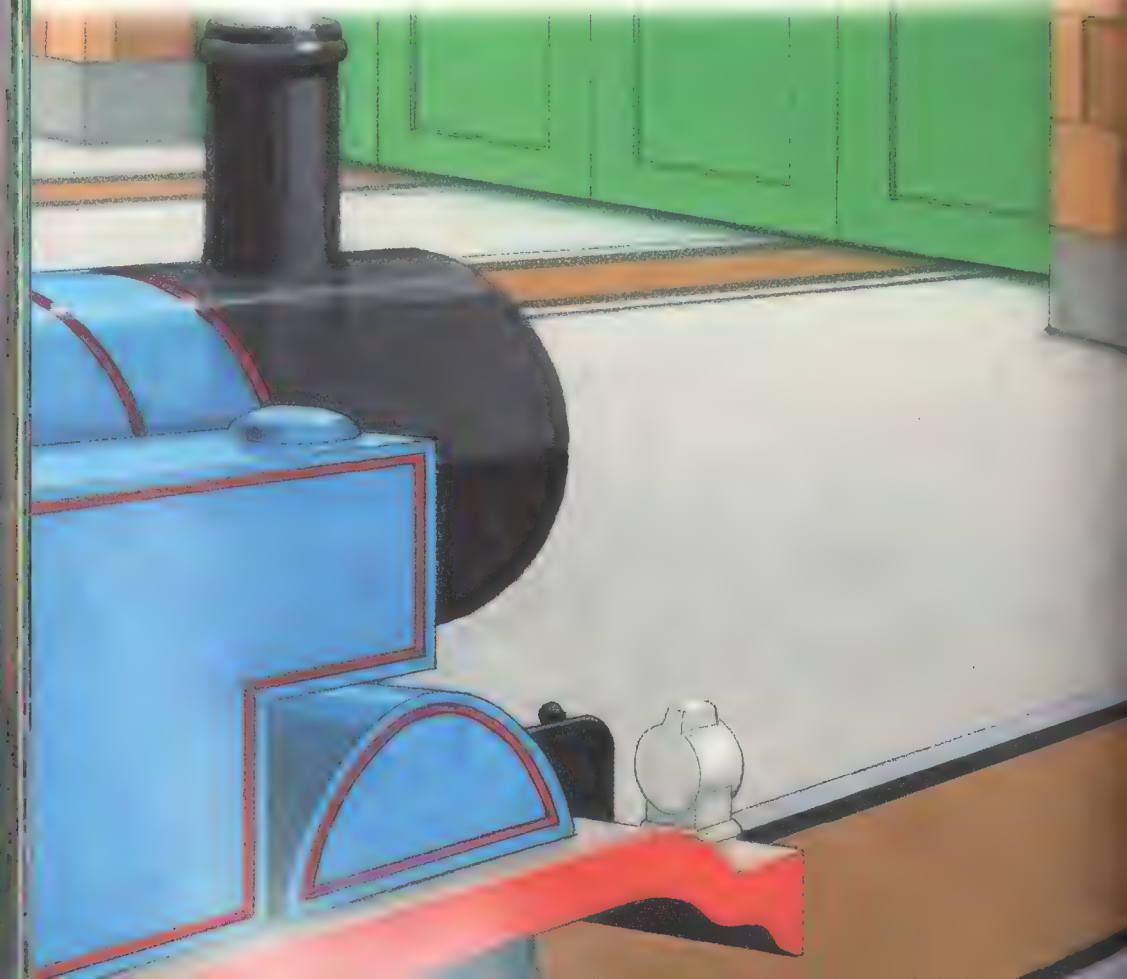


Gordon does not know  
the yellow engine.





Thomas visits  
the Steamworks.  
Victor knows  
all the engines  
on the Island of Sodor.





Thomas asks Victor  
about the yellow engine.



“I was the yellow engine,”  
says Victor.



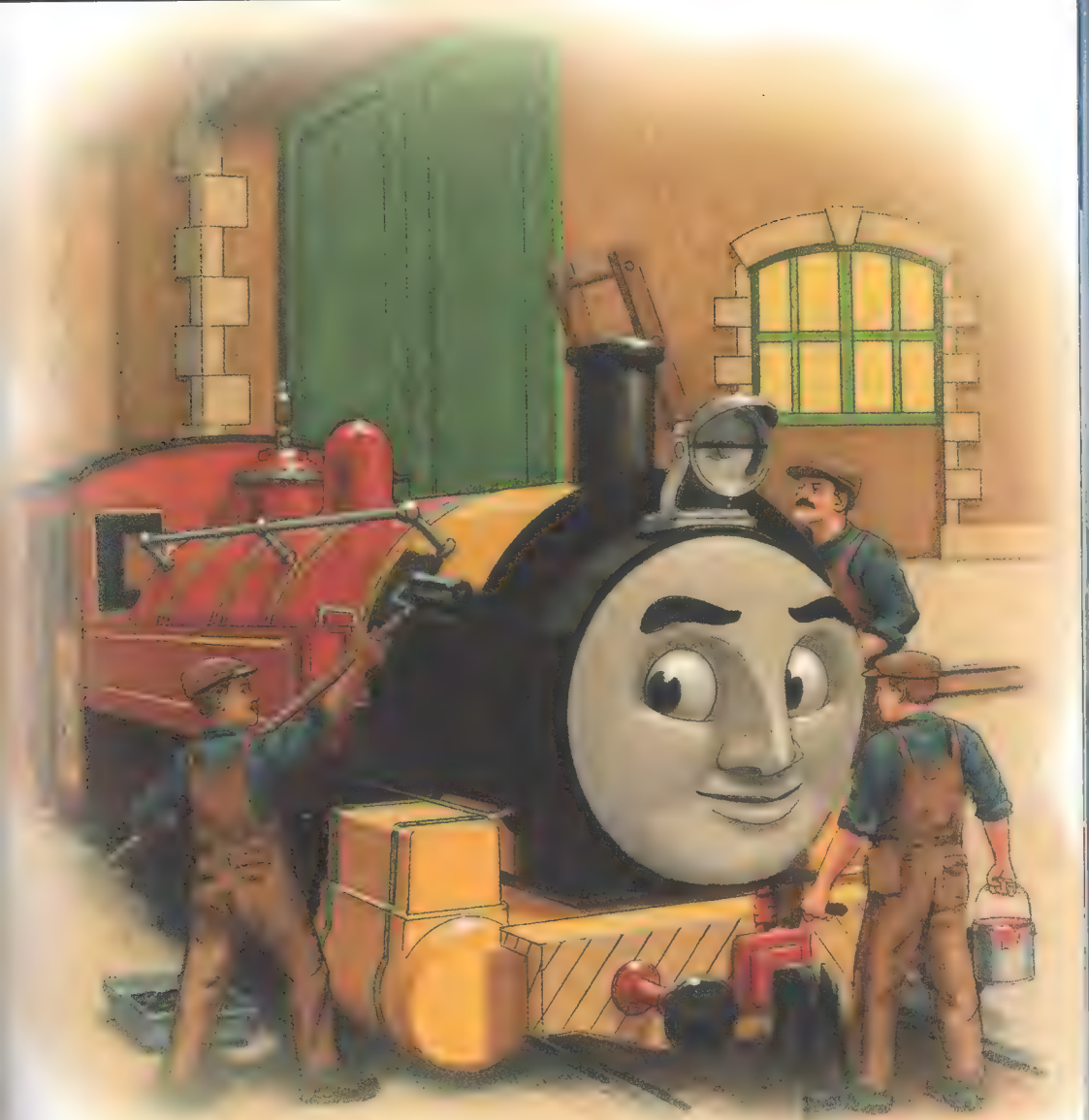


Thomas is surprised.



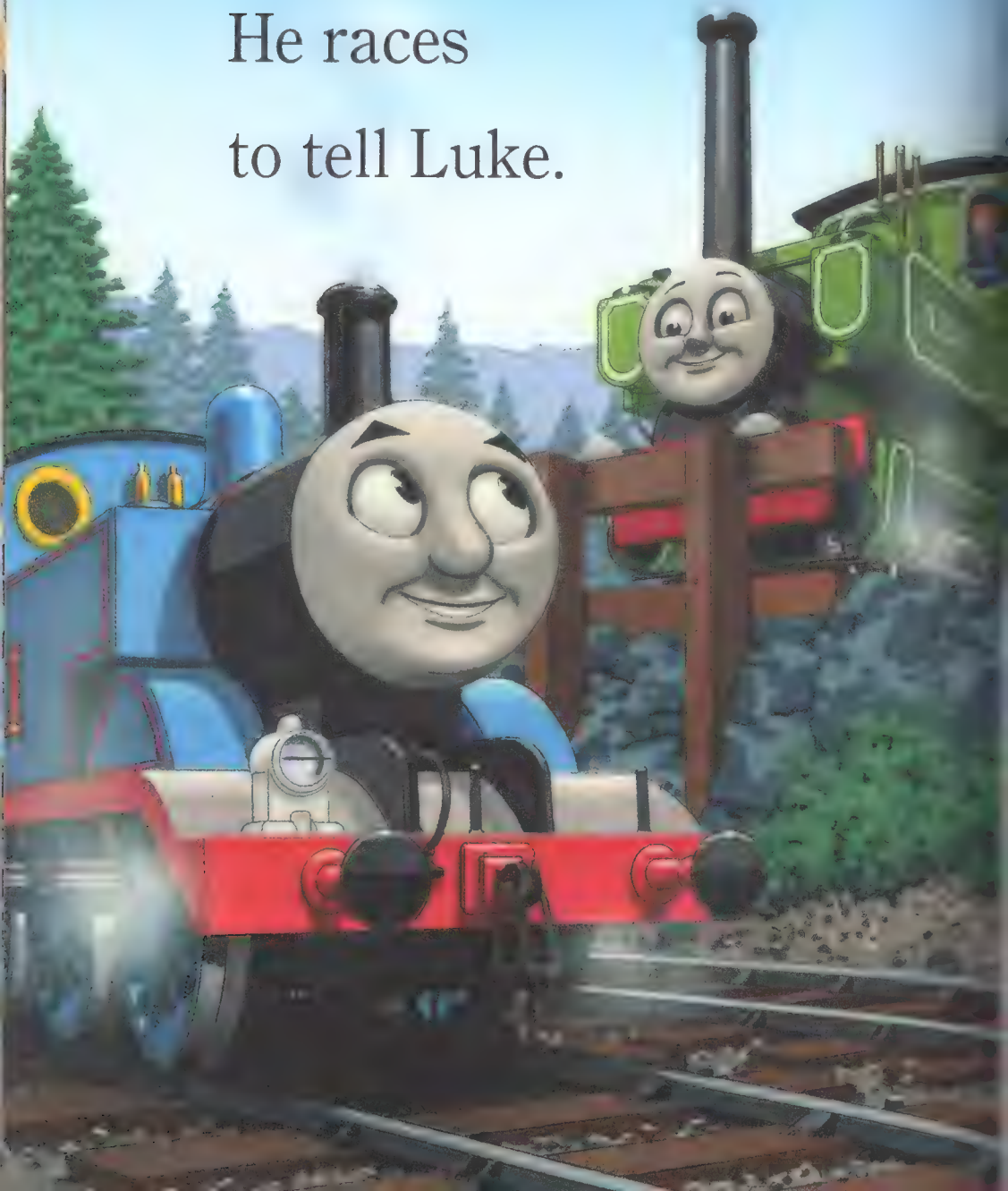
Victor fell into the water.  
Cranky saved him.





A fresh coat of paint  
made Victor  
clean and new.

Thomas has found  
the yellow engine!  
He races  
to tell Luke.



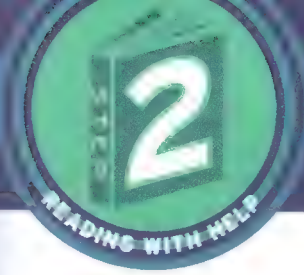




Luke does not  
have to hide.  
Now he can  
work at the quarry.

And now Thomas and  
Victor have a new  
friend!





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# TREASURE ON THE TRACKS



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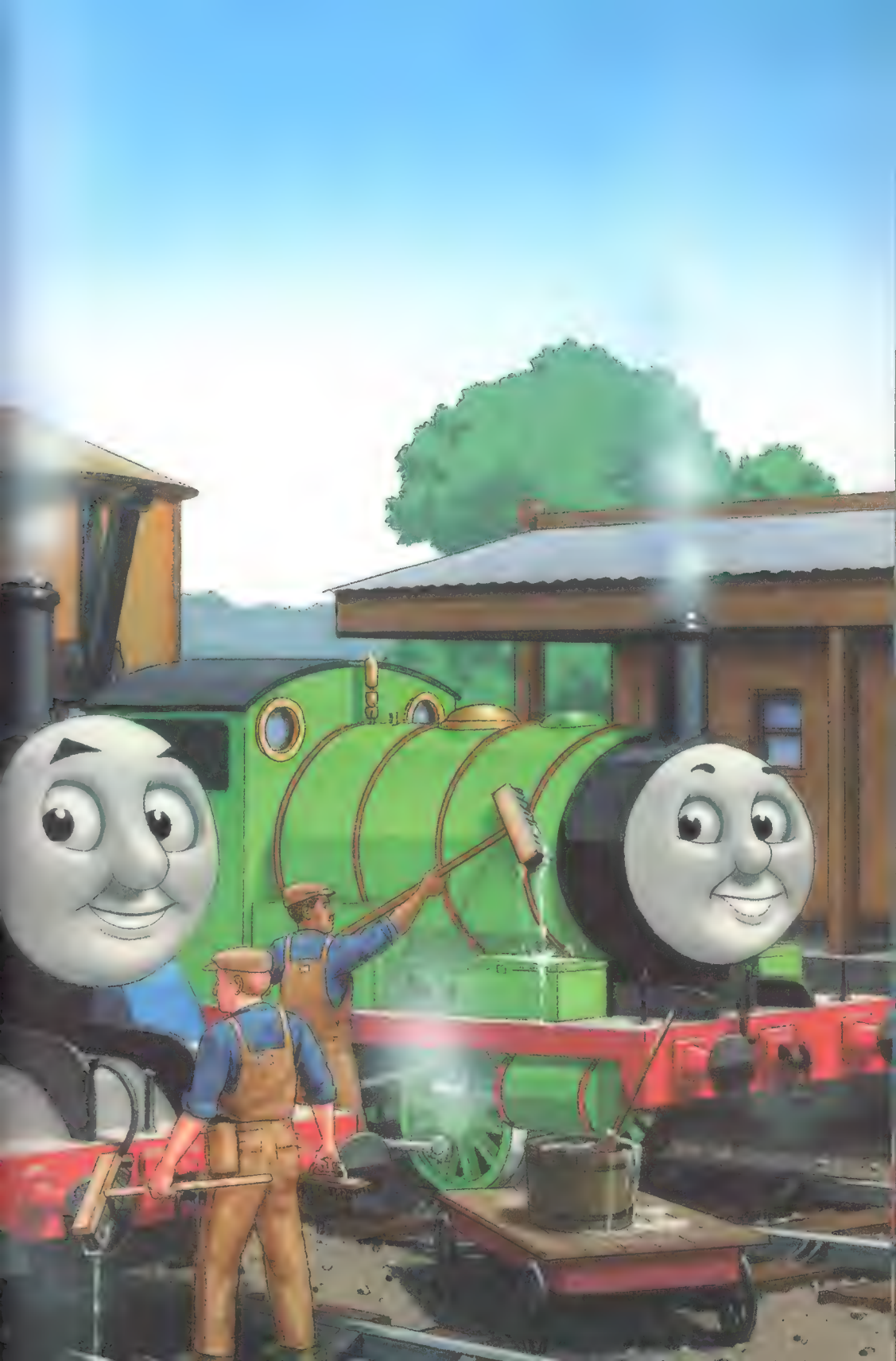


Bring the soap!

Bring the water!

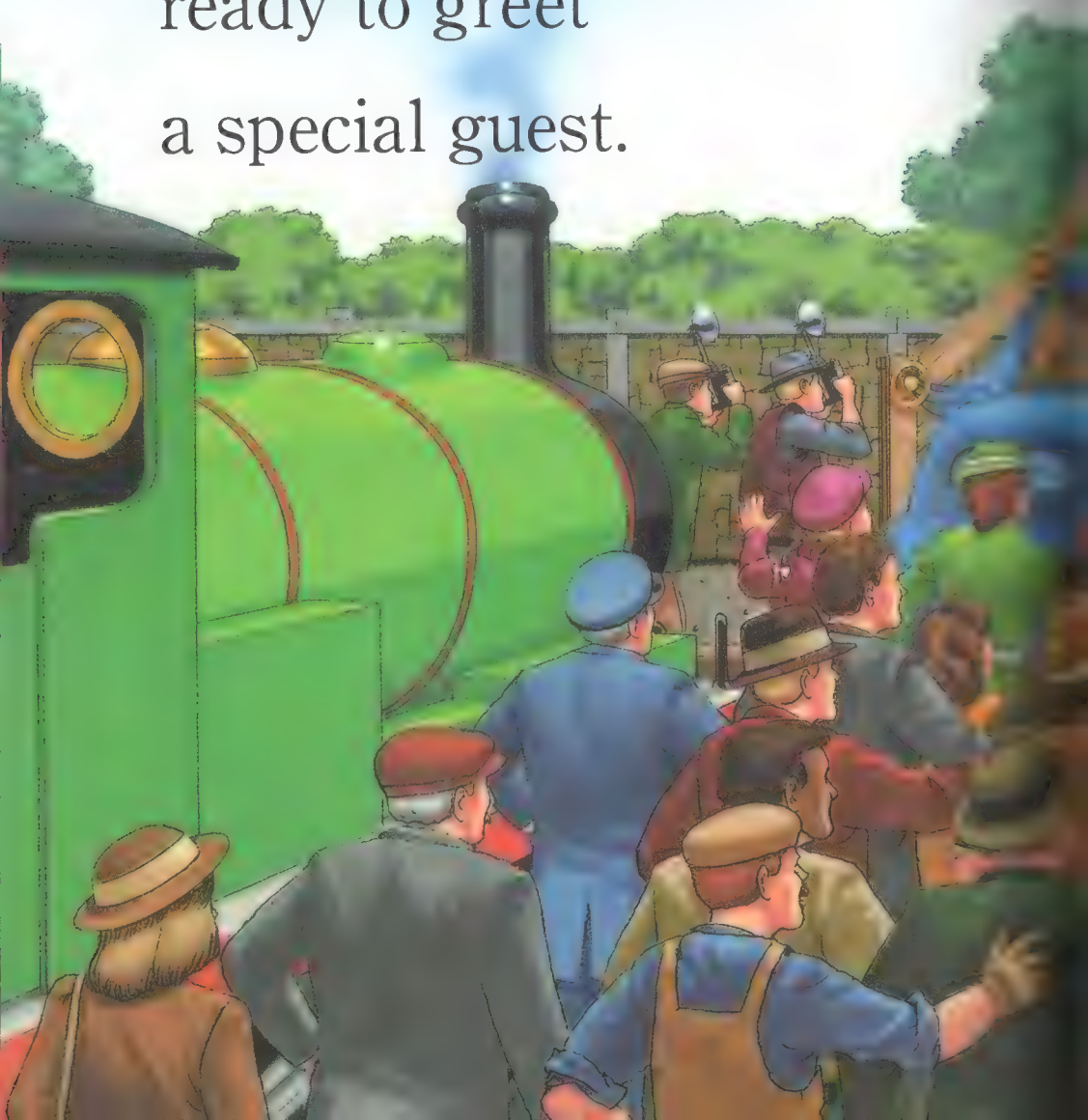
Scrub, rinse, and repeat.





The engines are  
squeaky-clean.

They are  
ready to greet  
a special guest.





The guest is  
the Earl of Sodor.



The earl  
tells the engines  
about his special plan.



He will rebuild  
the old castle.

Thomas will help.





Thomas and Percy  
chuff up the hill.  
The castle is old.



The walls are broken.

There is rubble

all around.



Thomas takes  
a closer look.





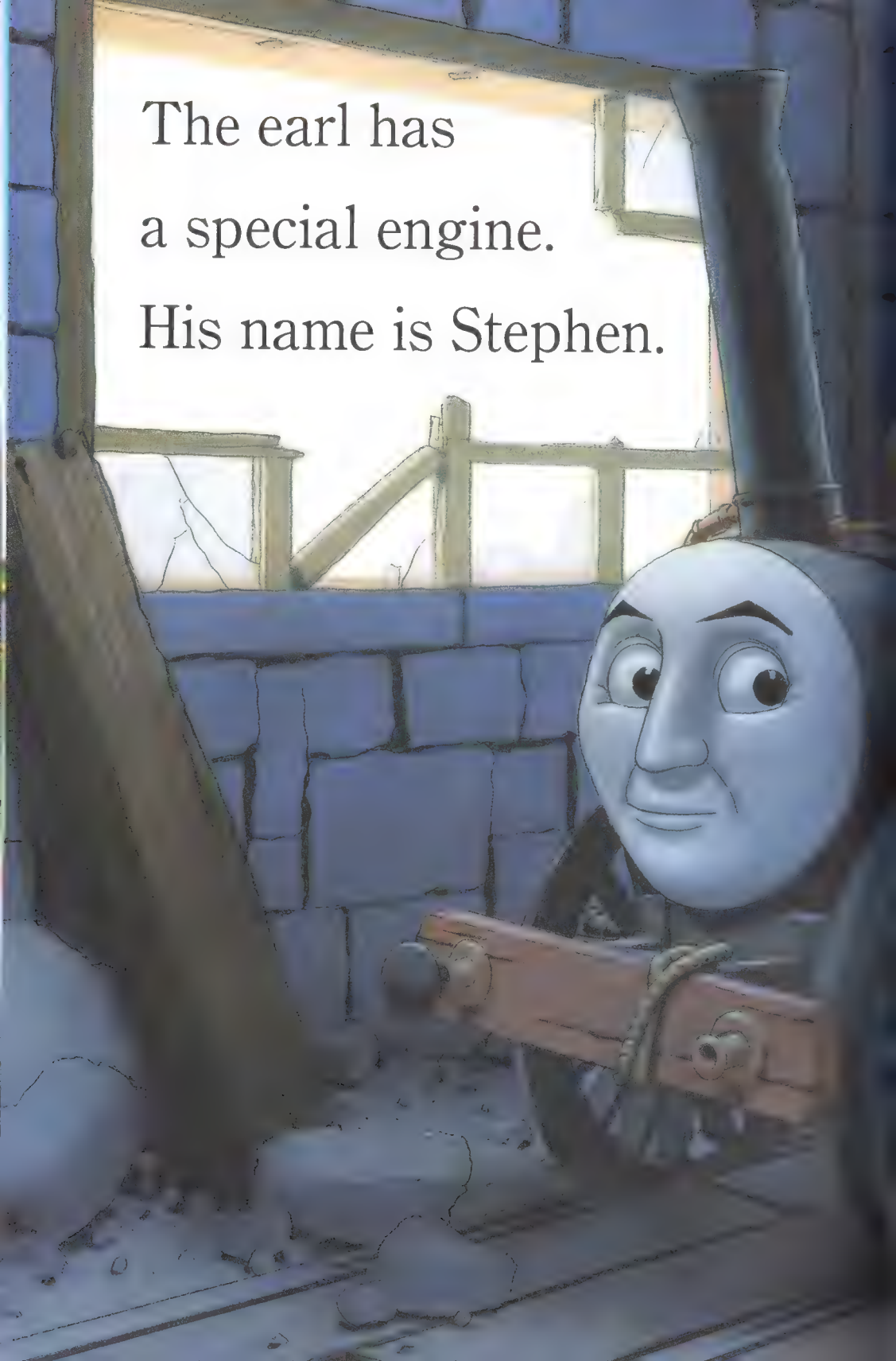
It is not rubble.

It is treasure!

He finds armor.

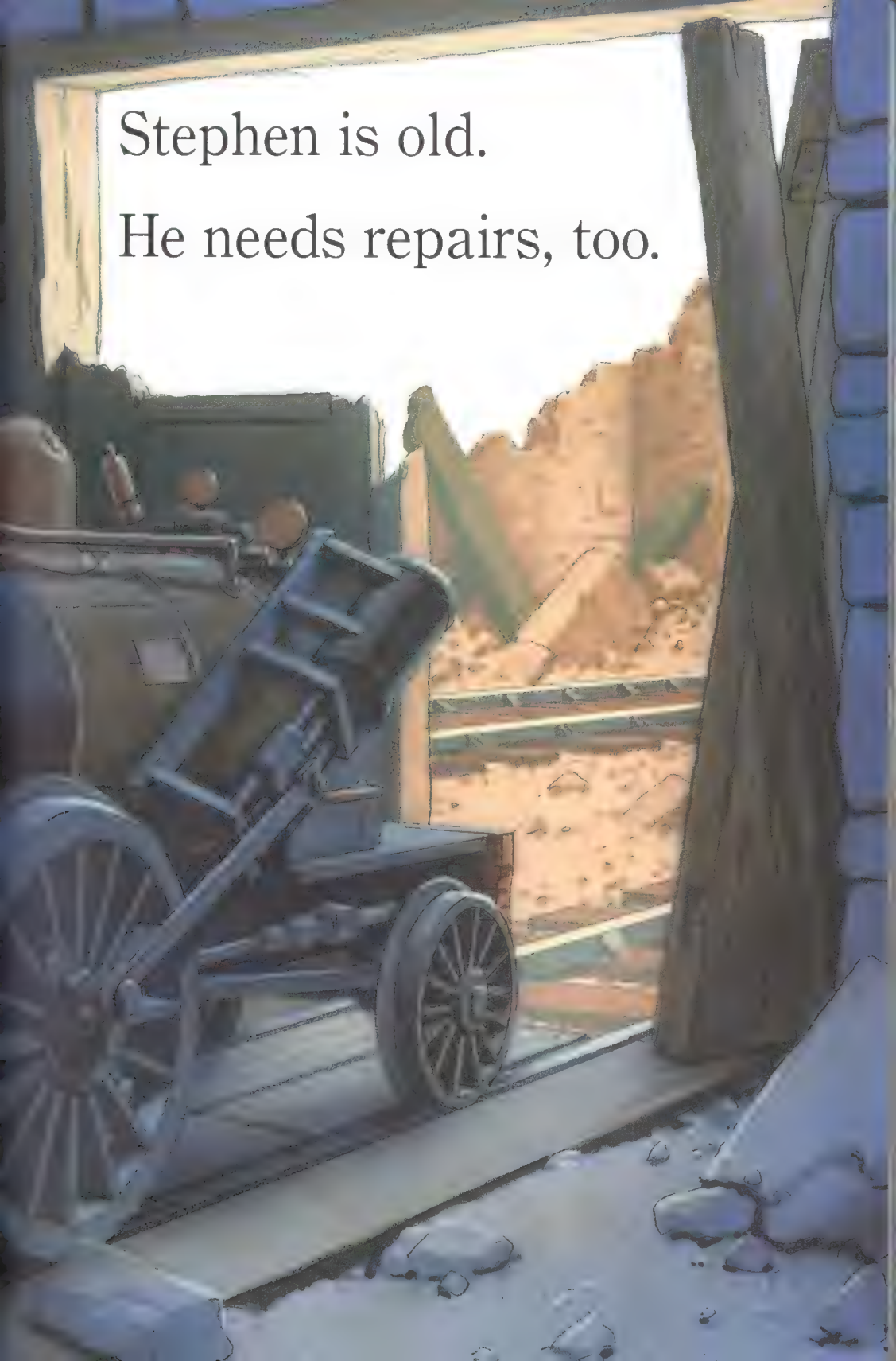


The earl has  
a special engine.  
His name is Stephen.



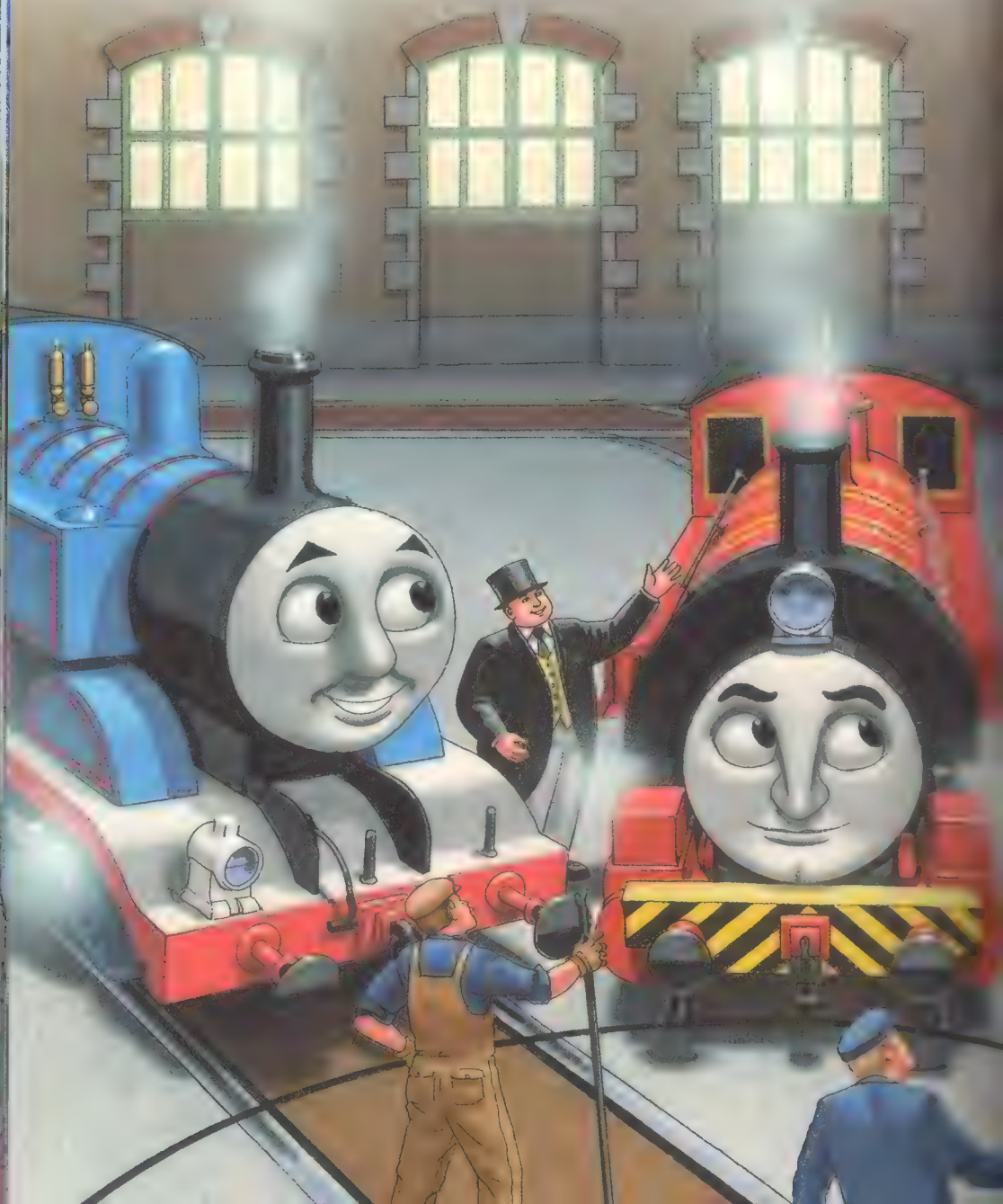
Stephen is old.

He needs repairs, too.





Thomas brings Stephen  
to the Steamworks.



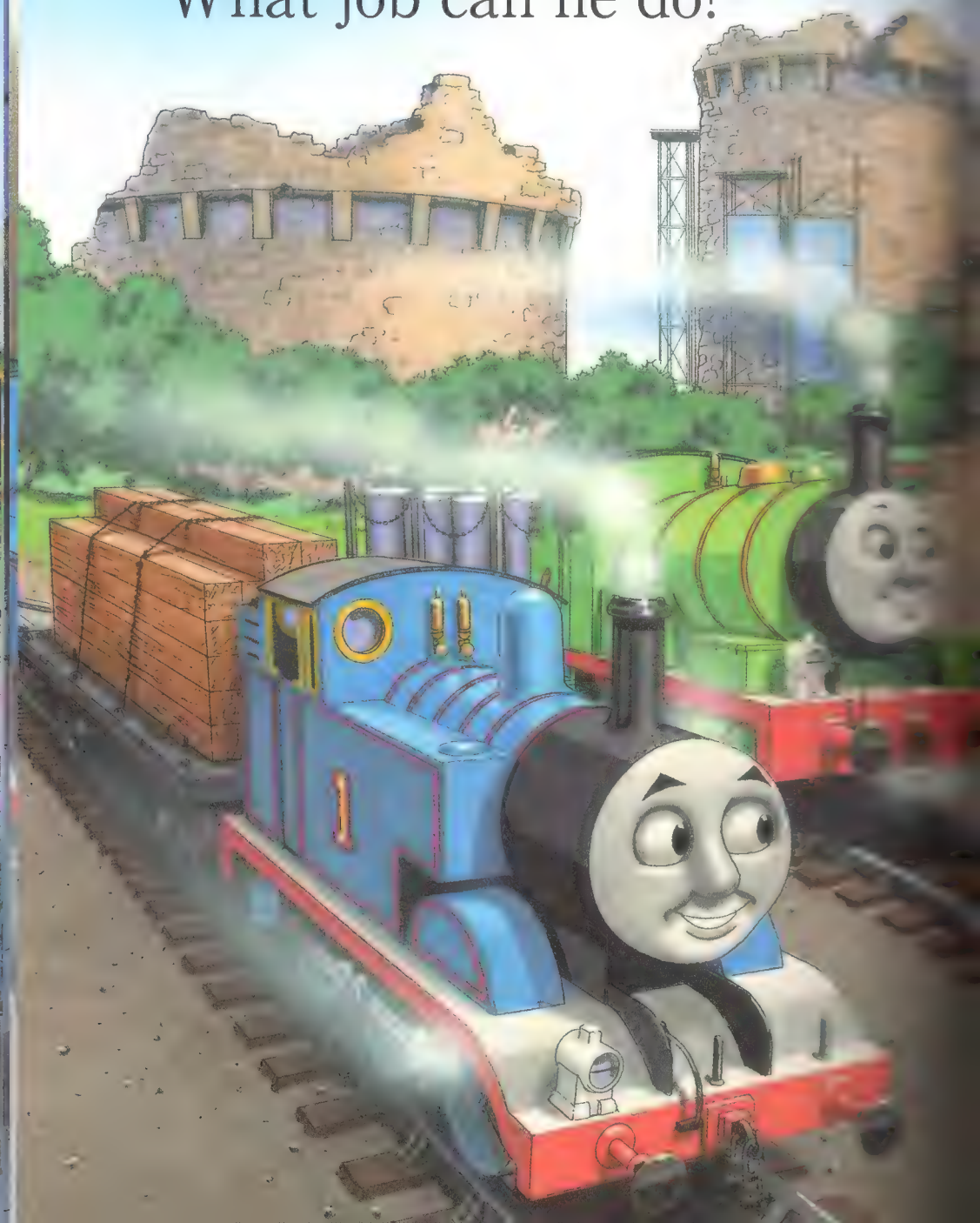


*Clink! Clang! Clunk!*

Victor makes Stephen  
as good as new.

Stephen wants to help.

What job can he do?







Some engines  
make repairs.

Stephen cannot reach.



Some engines  
carry cargo.

Stephen cannot  
carry much.





Some engines  
move stone.

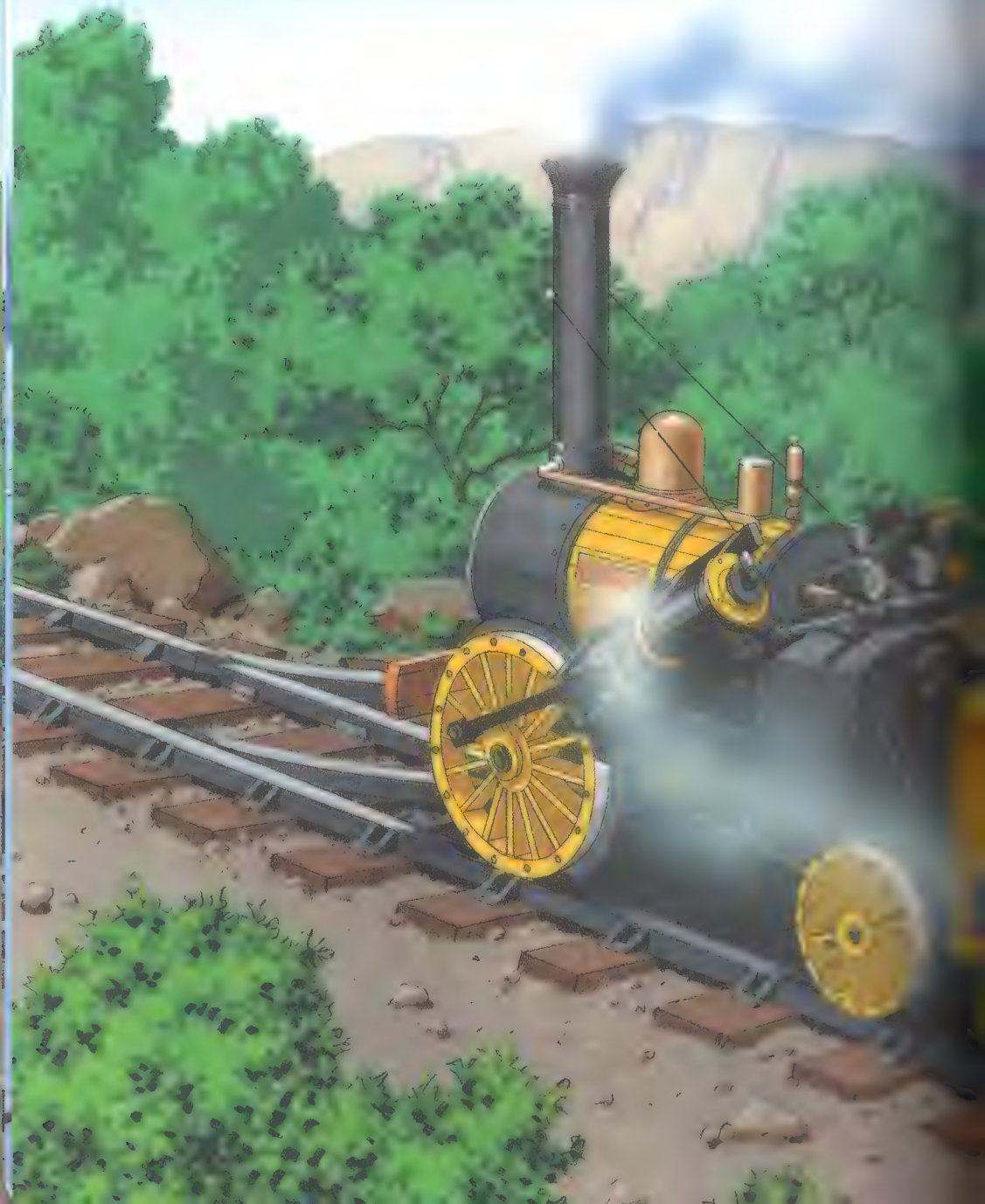
The stone is too heavy  
for Stephen.





Stephen is sad.

He chuffs off alone.





Uh-oh!

Trucks are coming.



Look out, Stephen!



*CRASH!*





Thomas searches  
for Stephen.



Stephen is safe!

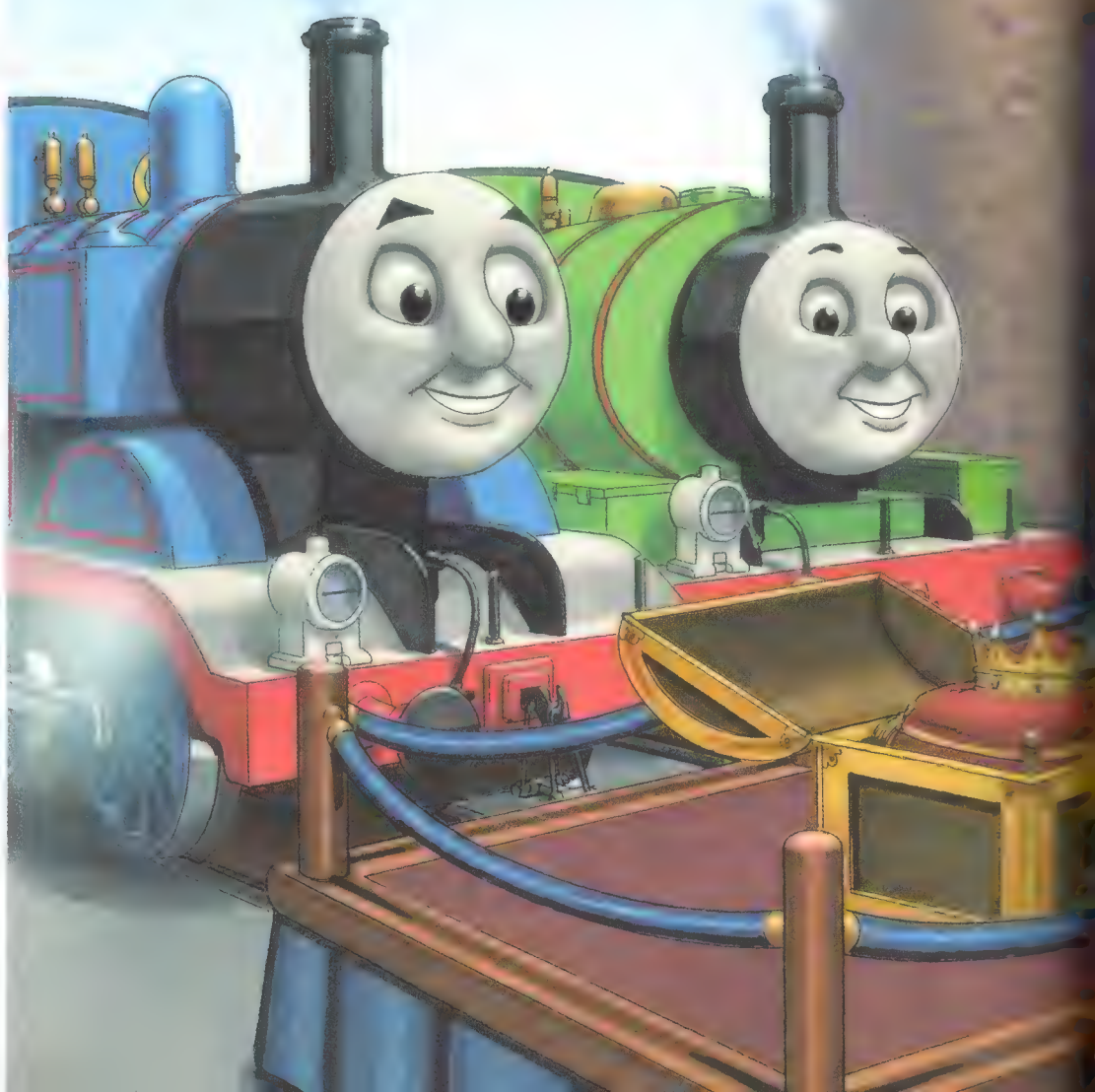
And he found  
something special.



It is a king's crown!

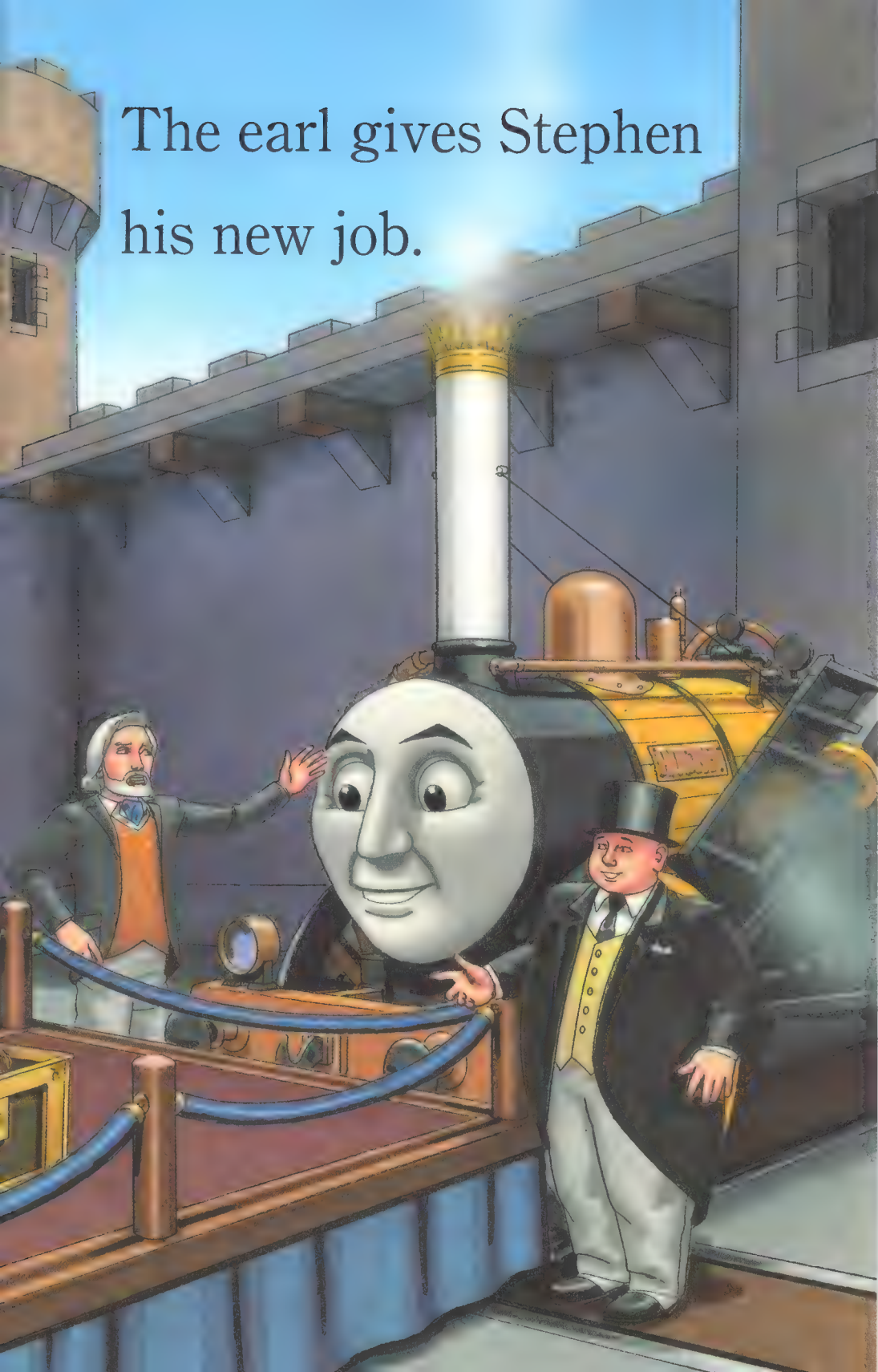
It belongs

at the castle.





The earl gives Stephen  
his new job.



He has the perfect job.

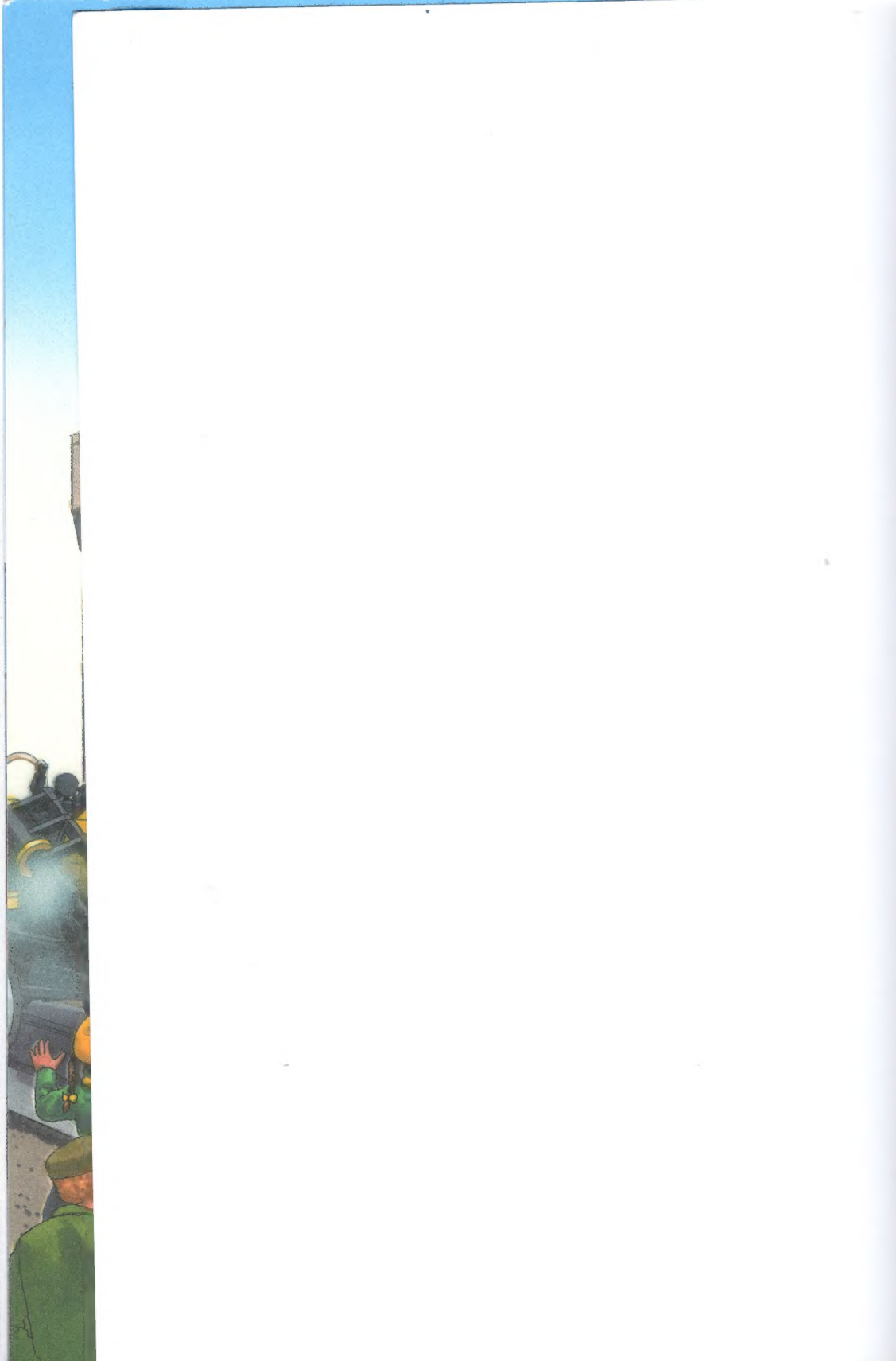
He helps at the castle!

Hooray for Stephen!











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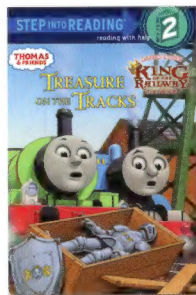
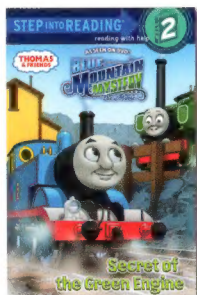
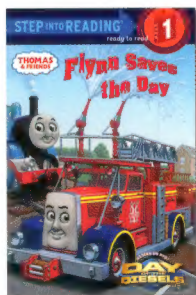
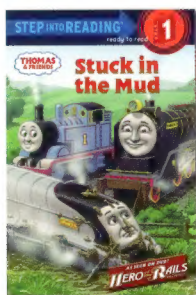
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